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## PREFACE.

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While it is true that there are many ways of teaching the difficult art of reading, that which seems most nearly to follow the order of nature is to develop in the child, first the power of observation; second, thought; third, correct expression of thought.

This development requires great tact and skill on the part of the teacher, but the success of the best teachers depends largely upon the readers placed in the hands of the children. To assist teachers and pupils on the plan indicated above is the object of this book.

The SENTENCE METHOD has been used because by it the pupil readily gets the ideas of the lesson, and consequently better expression is

secured. Great care has been taken to make lessons on such subjects only as are familiar to children.

ORAL INSTRUCTION should precede every lesson. For this purpose pictures are indispensable. Each picture in this book was prepared especially for the lesson in which it is placed. Children should be taught to look at a picture and tell what they see in it, while by skillful questioning the teacher may lead them to see, to think, and to express thought.

COLOR AND FORM.—Much of the subject matter relates to color and form, because they aid the teacher in observation work.

SCRIPT.—An effort has been made in this book to make the transition from print to script very easy. The script is large and clear, after the most approved style. Some of the lessons

are duplicated in script to help the children in recognizing that as readily as print.

**DRAWING** should be a part of the daily work in every school. It is invaluable in training the hand and eye. This book contains a progressive series of elementary drawing lessons.

**WRITING LESSONS.**—At the close of each lesson has been placed a writing lesson in which both the vertical and slant forms have been introduced; it is thus left to the judgment of the teacher to select the form preferred. These lessons will furnish models for seat work. It is suggested that children spend a little time in observing each model before they attempt to write it. With the exception of *t* and *d* only the short letters have been taken up.

**MEMORY GEMS.**—To awaken noble sentiments, and to sow seed for good in the hearts of chil-

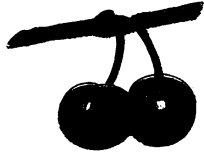
dren, should be the aim of every teacher. The Memory Gems at the head of the lessons will assist the teacher in this noble work.

REVIEWS.—The frequent reviews will greatly aid the pupil in sight-recognition of word-forms.



## COLORS.

The



are red.

The



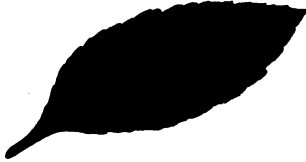
are blue.

The



is yellow.

The



is green.

The



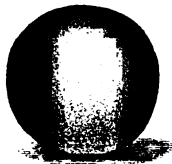
are purple.

The



is indigo.

The



is orange.

# THE ALPHABET.

A	a	<i>A a</i>	N	n	<i>N n</i>
B	b	<i>B b</i>	O	o	<i>O o</i>
C	c	<i>C c</i>	P	p	<i>P p</i>
D	d	<i>D d</i>	Q	q	<i>Q q</i>
E	e	<i>E e</i>	R	r	<i>R r</i>
F	f	<i>F f</i>	S	s	<i>S s</i>
G	g	<i>G g</i>	T	t	<i>T t</i>
H	h	<i>H h</i>	U	u	<i>U u</i>
I	i	<i>I i</i>	V	v	<i>V v</i>
J	j	<i>J j</i>	W	w	<i>W w</i>
K	k	<i>K k</i>	X	x	<i>X x</i>
L	l	<i>L l</i>	Y	y	<i>Y y</i>
M	m	<i>M m</i>	Z	z	<i>Z z</i>

## LESSON I.

Rōše.



Rose

Memory Gem : Little children, love one another.

## WORD LESSON.

Ō

sēe

rōše

the.

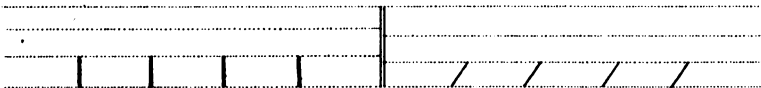
rēd

The rose.

The red rose.

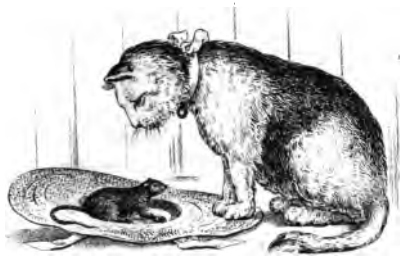
O see the red rose!

## WRITING LESSON.



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LESSON II.

Răt.



Rat

Memory Gem : Cleanliness is next to godliness.

WORD LESSON.

hăt  
căt  
căn

îs  
ît  
în  
I.

I see a rat.

It is in a hat.

The cat can see the rat in the hat.

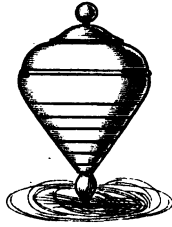
WRITING LESSON.





## LESSON III.

Tōp.



Tōp

Memory Gem : Learn to be polite.

## WORD LESSON.

m̄y  
yōu  
tō

līke  
spīn  
fāst.

See my top!  
The top spins.  
Can you spin a top?  
I like to see the top spin.  
Spin top! Spin fast!

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON IV.

Hěn.



Hen

Memory Gem : Obey them that have the rule over you.

## WORD LESSON.

Rōb

ōn

Rōb's

blāck

hās

nēst.

Rob has a hen.

Can you see Rob's hen?

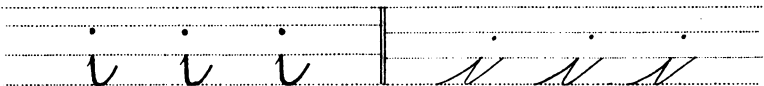
The hen is black.

The hen has a nest.

The rat can see the black hen  
on the nest.

Can the hen see the rat?

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON V.

Rob has a top.

*Rob has a top.*

The top spins.

*The top spins.*

The hen has a nest.

*The hen has a nest.*

I like a red rose.

*I like a red rose.*

Rob's hat is black.

*Rob's hat is black.*

## WORD LESSON.

top	hen	nest	hat	cat	rat
tops	hens	nests	hats	cats	rats

## WRITING LESSON.

*t t t | t t t*

## LESSON VI.

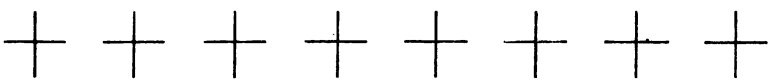
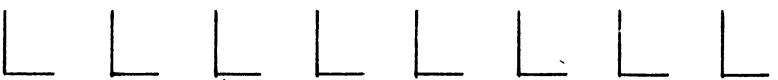
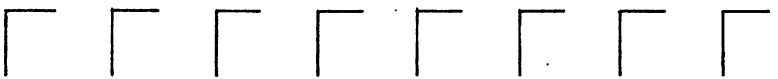
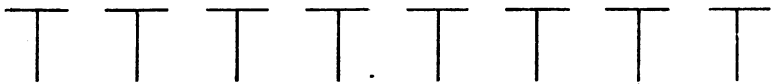
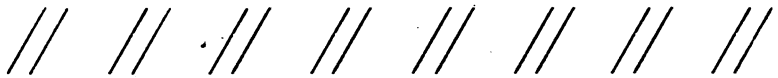
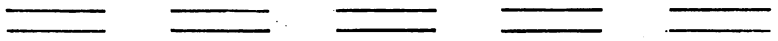
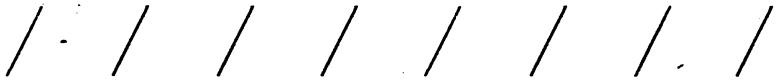
## REVIEW.

hăt	hăts	Rōb	hěn	spīn
căt	căts	Rōb's	hěnș	spīnș
răt	răts	tōp	něst	like
căn	rōșe	tōps	něsts	sēe
făst	you	blăck	rěd	the.

See the black hen!  
 I like Rob's top.  
 Tops spin fast.  
 I can see a rat.  
 The cat can see the hat.  
 Rob has a red rose.  
 The hen has a nest.

## WRITING LESSON.

it it it | *it it it*

**DRAWING.**

## LESSON VII.

Ball.



Ball

Memory Gem : "Politeness is treating others as you love to be treated yourself."

## WORD LESSON.

mē

blūe

Bēn

Bēn's

rōll

round.

Ben has a ball.

Ben's ball is blue.

The ball is round.

It can roll.

I can roll the ball.

See me roll Ben's blue ball!

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON VIII.

Plūm



Plum

Memory Gem : " God is always near me."

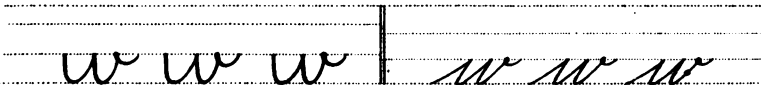
## WORD LESSON.

do  
plūmŝ  
tree

lēaveŝ  
and  
prēt tỹ (prīt tỹ)

I can see a plum.  
It is red and round.  
The plum is on a tree.  
The tree has pretty leaves.  
Do you see the red plums on  
the tree?  
I see the red plums and the  
pretty leaves.

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON IX.

Năt.



Nat

Memory Gem : "The great duty of life is not to give pain."

## WORD LESSON.

dōg  
wīll  
nōt  
sīck

fōod  
gīve  
kīnd  
hūn gry.

Nat can see a dog.  
The dog can see Nat.  
Is the dog sick?  
The dog is hungry.  
Will Nat give the dog food?  
He will give the hungry dog food.  
Nat is a kind boy.

## WRITING LESSON.

wit wit | wit wit



## LESSON X.

Bird



Bird

Memory Gem: "We must try to be good and do good."

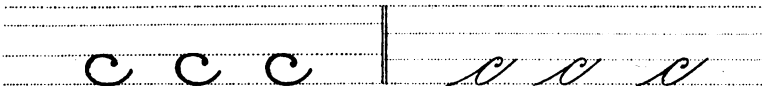
## WORD LESSON.

yēs  
fl̄y  
fōr  
sīng

what  
plēase  
a wāy'  
yēl low.

What a pretty bird!  
Can you see it on the tree?  
O yes, it is a yellow bird.  
Can it sing? Yes, it can sing.  
O do not fly away, pretty bird!  
Sing for me. Please sing for  
me, yellow bird.

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON XI.

ball plūm bīrd dōg lēaf sīng  
 ballș plūmș bīrdș dōgș lēaveș sīngș.

Please give me blue balls.

*Please give me blue balls.*

Ben can see plums on the tree.

*Ben can see plums on the tree.*

The pretty birds fly away.

*The pretty birds fly away.*

The yellow dog is hungry.

*The yellow dog is hungry.*

Do you not see the red leaves?

*Do you not see the red leaves?*

## WRITING LESSON.

*cut cut | cut cut*

## LESSON XII.

## REVIEW.

Běn	sīck	dò	trēe	rōll
Běn's	gīrl	fōōd	plēase	round
yēs	sīng	nōt	blūe	a wāy
pret tŷ	bírd	what	flŷ	hŭn gry.

Ben's bird is yellow.

A bird can sing and fly.

Do you like a blue bird?

O yes, I like blue birds.

Is Ben sick?

Ben is sick and hungry.

Give the hungry dog food.

Please roll the ball.

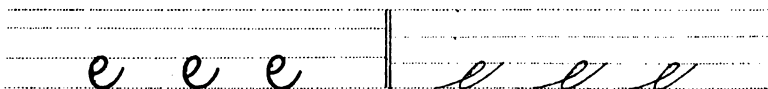
Roll ball! Roll fast!

The ball is round.

Do not give away my pretty round ball.

Do you not see the leaves on the tree?

## WRITING LESSON.



## DRAWING.



## LESSON XIII.

Lēaf.



Seaf

Memory Gem: "Good health is better than wealth."

## WORD LESSON.

shōw	grēen	nō	shôrt
lōng	stēm	this	vēry.

This is a rose leaf.  
 The rose leaf is green.  
 It has a stem.  
 Is the stem long?  
 No, the stem is very short.  
 Show me the stem.  
 Is the leaf round?  
 The rose has pretty leaves.

## WRITING LESSON.

we we | we we

## LESSON XIV.

Owl



Owl

Memory Gem : " Be kind and true. Give each and all their due."

## WORD LESSON.

ēyes

wh̄o

ōdd

wīse

lōoks

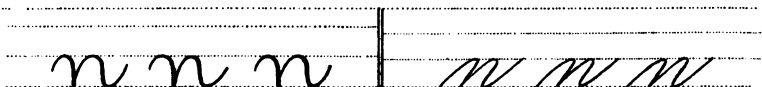
bīrd

ān

criēs.

This owl is on a tree.  
 The owl has round eyes.  
 The owl looks wise.  
 Is it not wise?  
 The owl cries wh̄o, wh̄o.  
 I like to see an owl.  
 It is an odd bird.

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON XV.

Squares

*Squares*

Memory Gem: "He does well who does his best."

## WORD LESSON.

sides

four

one (wūn)

count

ē qual

eôn ners.

See the pretty squares!

Red, blue, yellow, green.

Count the corners of one square.

I count four corners.

Count the sides of one square.

I count four sides.

Yes, the square has four corners and four equal sides.

## WRITING LESSON.

m m

*m m*

## LESSON XVI.

owl hăş squâre bīrd lēaf  
 owl's hāve squāreş bīrdş lēaveş.

The owl's eyes are round.

*The owl's eyes are round.*

Birds have nests.

*Birds have nests.*

Show me green squares.

*Show me green squares.*

The leaves have short stems.

*The leaves have short stems.*

Squares have four corners.

*Squares have four corners.*

## WRITING LESSON.

*men* | *men*



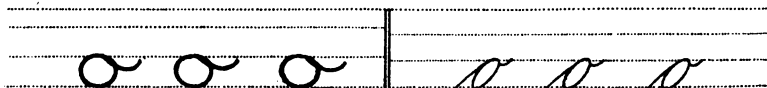
## LESSON XVII.

## REVIEW.

sides	four	count	ē qual
nō	shōw	lōng	grēen
stēm	lōoks	thīs	shōrt
ăn	eēs	wīse	cries
vēr y	whō	ōdd	one.

I can show you an owl's nest.  
 The nest is on the tree.  
 The owl is on the nest.  
 I see one blue bird and four  
 yellow birds.  
 The yellow birds fly away.  
 Please give me a pretty rose.  
 The red rose has a short stem.  
 Is the stem red?  
 No, the stem is green.  
 I like a long stem.  
 Show me a square.  
 Can you count four?

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON XVIII.

Oranges

Oranges



Memory Gem: "Study to be quiet and mind your own business."

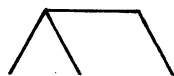
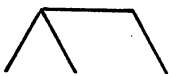
## WORD LESSON.

two	kind	sēed
āre	cōlor	thrēe
ōf (ōv)	called	they.

Count the oranges.  
 One, two, three, four.  
 Are they not pretty?  
 They are very pretty.  
 What color are they?  
 They are a kind of yellow  
 called orange.  
 Have the oranges seed?  
 Yes, they have seed.

## WRITING LESSON.

toe toe | *toe toe*

**DRAWING.**

## LESSON XIX.

Ōblong



Oblong

Memory Gem : " Unless you work you cannot find out what you are able to do."

## WORD LESSON.

thāt

how

will

hēre

bōōk

manȳ(mēn ȳ.)

Here is an oblong.

Is the oblong like the square?

How many short sides has the oblong?

How many long sides has the oblong?

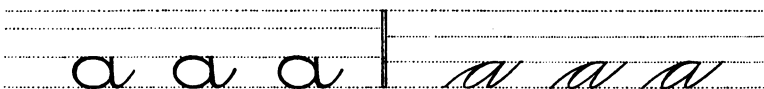
How many corners has an oblong?

Are the sides of the oblong equal?

Show me an oblong.

That book is oblong.

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON XX.



Grāpes.

Grapes

Memory Gem "If you cannot do a kind deed, speak a kind word."

## WORD LESSON.

all	frōm	vines	little
sōme	with	grōw	pûrple.

See the purple grapes!  
 Are all grapes purple?  
 No, some grapes are green.  
 Grapes are round like little balls.  
 They grow from seed.  
 Grapes grow on vines.  
 Do you not like to see the  
 grape vine with the purple  
 grapes and green leaves?

## WRITING LESSON.

eat eat | eat eat

## LESSON XXI.

grāpe	ōrange	sēed	bōok
grāpes	ōranges	sēeds	bōoks.

I like oranges and grapes.

*I like oranges and grapes.*

Grapes have little seeds.

*Grapes have little seeds.*

Can you count the seeds of a grape?

*Can you count the seeds of a grape?*

I have a very pretty book.

*I have a very pretty book.*

The oblong has four corners.

*The oblong has four corners.*

## WRITING LESSON.

*d d d | d d d*

## LESSON XXII.

## REVIEW.

all	sēed	vīnēs	man ŷ
āre	thāt	kīnd	līt tle
two	they	bōok	pūr ple.
hāve	hēre	thrēe	cól or
with	frōm	gřow	called.

Ben called the dog.

The dog looks at the bird.

What kind of grapes have you?

I have some purple grapes.

Have you grape vines?

I have many pretty little vines.

Do oranges grow on trees?

Yes, the orange grows on a tree.

Here is one book.

Please give me two books.

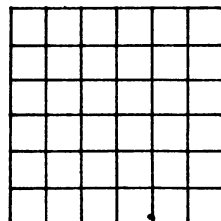
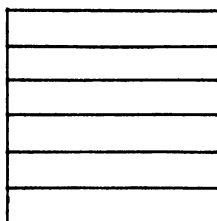
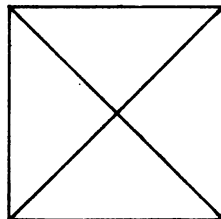
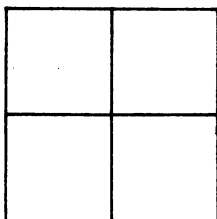
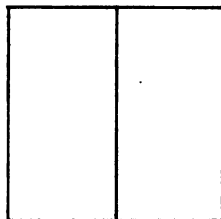
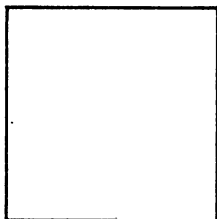
What color is that bird?

I cannot see it. Is it a blue bird?

## WRITING LESSON.

done | done

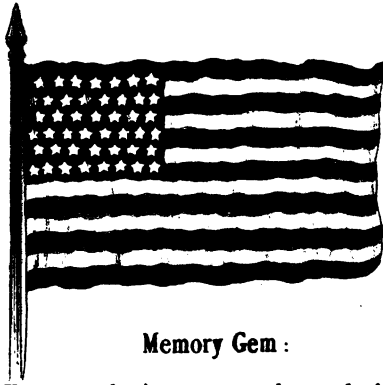
## DRAWING.





## LESSON XXIII.

Flag



Flag

Memory Gem :

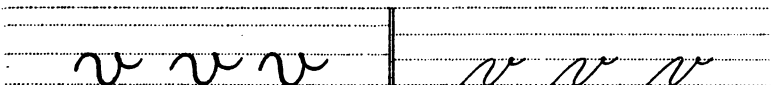
" Keep watch o'er your words, my darlings,  
 For words are wonderful things,  
 They are sweet like the bee's first honey,  
 Like the bees they have terrible stings."

## WORD LESSON.

sēv en	shāpe	mam mā
six	white	stripes.

Mamma, see my pretty flag!  
 O yes. What color is it?  
 It is red, white and blue.  
 It has six white stripes and  
 seven red stripes.  
 What is the shape of the flag?  
 It is oblong. The blue is square.

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON XXIV.

Mōon



Moon

Memory Gem : "Thou shalt have joy in the evening if thou hast spent the day well." -

## WORD LESSON.

big    lōoks    in    fār    shīning  
lōve    thêre    ūp    âir    lāmp.

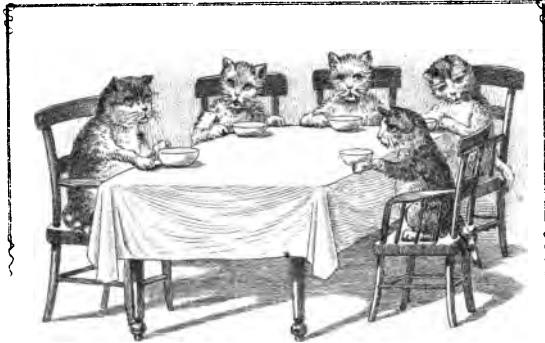
I see the moon.  
It is big and round.  
The moon is far away.  
It is shining for me.  
"O look at the moon,  
It is shining up there:  
Mamma, it looks  
like a lamp in the air."

## WRITING LESSON.

vine | vine

## LESSON XXV.

Kittens

*Kittens*

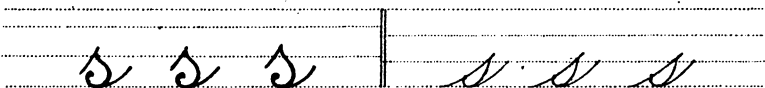
Memory Gem : " A noble deed is a step toward God."

## WORD LESSON.

five	sōft	milk	tēa
fûr	silk	līt tle	down
hāp pÿ	sũ gar	wāiting	sit ting.

Five little kittens,	Five little kittens,
Sitting down to tea,	With fur soft as silk,
Pretty little kittens,	Waiting for the sugar,
Happy as can be,	Waiting for the milk.

## WRITING LESSON.



## LESSON XXVI.

## REVIEW.

in	bīg	lōve	down	sug ar
ūp	âir	lōoks	shāpe	shIn ing
tēa	sīx	lāmp	strīpes	sīt tīng
fūr	fīve	mīlk	whīte	hāp py
fār	sōft	sīlk	sēv en	wāit ing

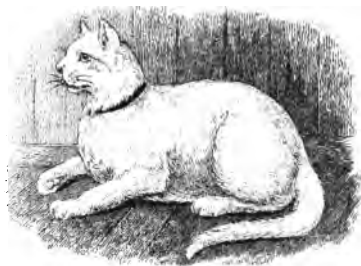
I like sugar with oranges.  
 The cat has five kittens.  
 What color are they?  
 Three kittens are white and  
 two are black.  
 Three and two are five.  
 Give mamma some pretty roses.  
 Mamma, please give me some milk.  
 I see the flag far up in the air.  
 How happy you are!  
 The moon is shining to make  
 me happy.

## WRITING LESSON.

sun | sun

## LESSON XXVII.

Puss



Puss

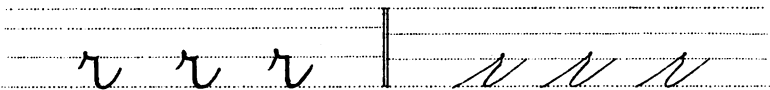
Memory Gem : "Think the truth, speak the truth, act the truth."

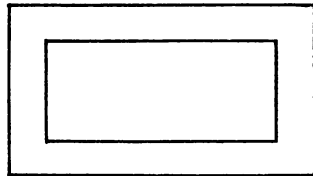
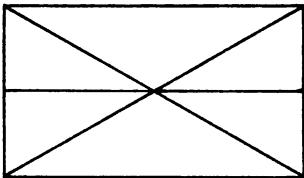
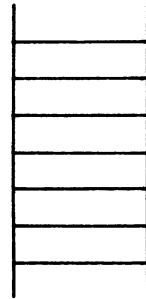
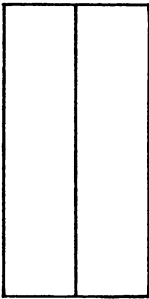
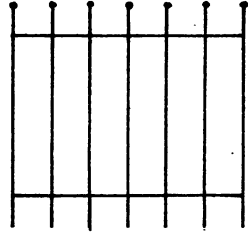
## WORD LESSON.

shē	clawș	fēel	cătch
hēr	shărp	tēeth	dărk
pădș	thēm	mīce	ŭn der.

Here is my cat.  
 See her fur coat! It is white.  
 Puss has sharp claws.  
 She has soft pads under her feet.  
 Look at her teeth.  
 They are very sharp.  
 Puss likes mice.  
 She can catch them in the dark.

## WRITING LESSON.



**DRAWING.**

## LESSON XXVIII.

Trēē



Tree

Memory Gem : " My strength is as the strength of ten,  
Because my heart is pure. — *Tennyson*.

## WORD LESSON.

rōōts

gō

in to

hōld

trēēs

ground

down

brēathe

slēn der.

The tree is pretty.

It has long, slender roots.

The roots go down into the ground.

They eat for the tree.

They hold it fast down in the ground.

Trees have pretty green leaves.

The leaves breathe for the tree.

## WRITING LESSON.

rat

rat

## LESSON XXIX.

Gírl



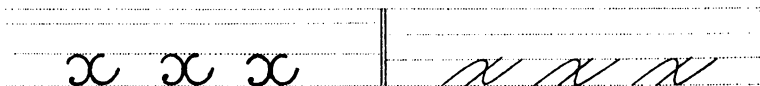
Girl

## WORD LESSON.

döll	hēar	swēet	knōws
břight	dēar	rōcks	slēep
sīngs	sīng	mūch	bōd y.

What a happy little girl!  
 She has a pretty doll.  
 Her doll has bright blue eyes.  
 She rocks the doll to sleep.  
 She sings to her doll.  
 Can you hear her sing?  
     Dear little doll!  
     Sweet as a rose!  
     How much I love you  
     Nobody knows.

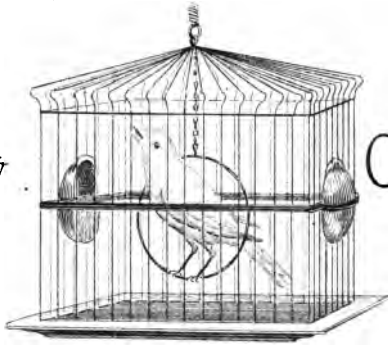
## WRITING LESSON.





## LESSON XXX.

Caṇārĭ



Canary

Memory Gem : " God gives all things to industry."-*Benjamin Franklin.*

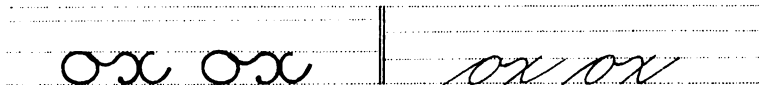
## WORD LESSON.

word	cāge	ōft en	fēath ers
nōtes	brīngs	Mārĭ	swēet est
lēgs	upōn	fēl low	al ways.

Mary has a little bird,  
 Feathers bright and yellow.  
 Slender legs, upon my word,  
 He is a pretty fellow.

The sweetest notes he always sings,  
 And much he pleases Mary.  
 So often to the cage she brings  
 Her doll, to hear canary.

## WRITING LESSON.



## VOWEL SOUNDS.

ā	as	in	āte	ō	as	in	ōld
ă	“	“	ăt	ō	“	“	ōdd
ä	“	“	ärt	o	“	“	do
a	“	“	all	ò	“	“	còme
à	“	“	ask	ô	“	“	fôr
â	“	“	fâre	oo	“	“	mōon
ē	“	“	eat	oo	“	“	lōok
ě	“	“	elf	ū	“	“	ūse
ě	“	“	hěr	ũ	“	“	ūs
ê	“	“	thêre	u	“	“	puss
ī	“	“	lie	u	“	“	rude
ĩ	“	“	īt	û	“	“	tûrn
ĩ	“	“	sĩr	ȳ	“	“	mȳ
				ȳ	“	“	happȳ

## DIPHTHONGS.

oi,	oy	as	in	boil,	toy
ou,	ow	“	“	out,	how

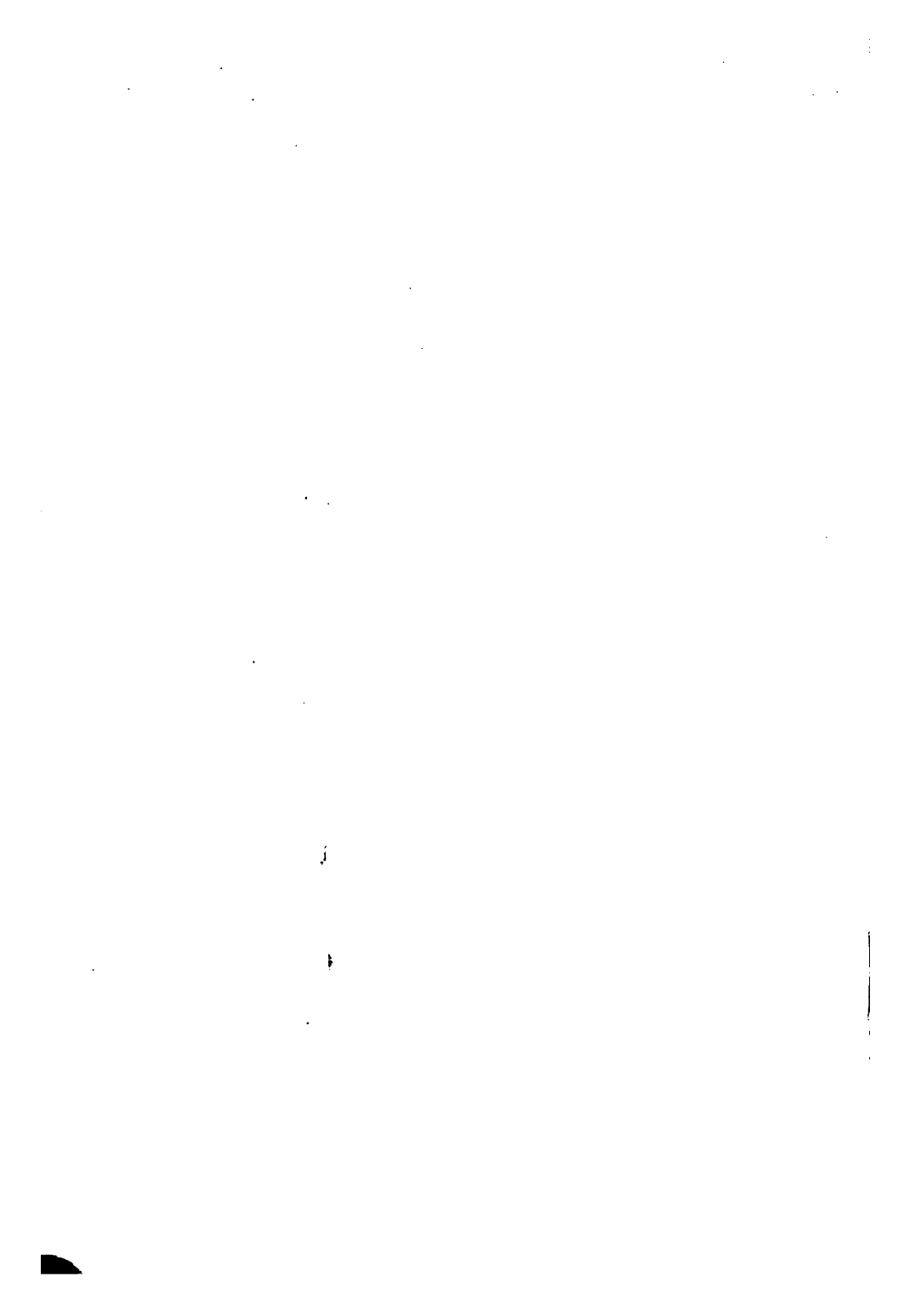
## CONSONANT SOUNDS.


b as in bid	y as in baby
c (like k) in cat	z “ “ zeal
ç ( “ s) “ raçe	th “ “ this
d as in do	th “ “ three
f “ “ fox	gh (like f) in laugh
ġ “ “ ġet	ph ( “ f) “ philter
ġ “ “ cage	
h “ “ high	
j “ “ jump	
k “ “ kite	
l “ “ let	
m “ “ met	
n “ “ nit	
p “ “ pañ	
qu (like kw) in quit	
r as in rat	
s “ “ sit	
ş “ “ iş	
t “ “ it	
v “ “ vine	
x “ “ box	
x (like gz) in exact	

# THE ALPHABET.

A	a	N	n
B	b	O	o
C	c	P	p
D	d	Q	q
E	e	R	r
F	f	S	s
G	g	T	t
H	h	U	u
I	i	V	v
J	j	W	w
K	k	X	x
L	l	Y	y
M	m	Z	z







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